

# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



**BRADDOCK** Baptist Church  
Alexandria, VA

## June 2015

### Every Week:

#### Sundays

9:30a.m. Fellowship  
9:45a.m. Sunday School  
  
10:45a.m. Prayer  
11:00a.m. Worship Service

#### Mondays

4 p.m. Exercise

#### Tuesdays

6 p.m. Seminary Classes

#### Wednesdays

4 p.m. Exercise  
6-7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
  
6:30-8 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal

#### Thursdays

6 p.m. Seminary Classes

#### Fridays (First of the Month)

6 p.m. First Friday Fellowship

#### Saturdays

9 a.m. Exercise  
10 a.m. ESL Classes  
12p.m. GED Class

#### Mother's Day Out

Tuesday-Friday  
9:30-1:30

## V.B.S. 2015

Ever wanted to go to space? Calling all who would like to volunteer and help with our V.B.S. on July 13-17 Please see Emily Corder. Download a registration form online at [braddockbaptistchurch.org](http://braddockbaptistchurch.org) or see Emily for a form. Get ready for a week of fun!!

## Pastor's Corder Note

June, will hold many great events and memories: for our Bible College we have 4 resident students and one foreign exchange student graduating. Kebede Begal our exchange student while here studied diligently, all the time taking care of His three sons. Kebede, from Ethiopia has returned to Africa, but to Ivory Coast where his wife works and had supported he and the children to come to the U.S. to continue each their education. Kebede and boys: we are proud of all of you. Kebede is assisting a local pastor in Ivory Coast with teaching the Word Of God!!!

Our other students from the English speaking portion of the Bible College: Charlene Bowser, Carol Finely, Bobbie Rivenbark and Joyce Taylor. Each of these distinguished grads is involved in various ministries as well; children's ministry, adult bible study, small group and women's ministry. A big praise goes out for all of you!!!

We have other students graduating in June too; from colleges, High Schools, and MDO. We are pleased to have played a part in all their lives and the development of their maturation; socially, intellectually and certainly, spiritually. I know they are bettered for experiencing the Love of God in the arms of this BBC congregation.

In addition to this we have a wedding, where the young people have totally committed their lives to Jesus and will go to serve in a church in Memphis. Dillon Sherlock, Sarah's fiancé has landed a job at the church where the late - great Adrian Roger's pastored for decades. It is truly a flagship church among Bible Believing Followers of Christ.

June 14<sup>th</sup> we are blessed to have a deacon ordination for Hector Riojas, a man who continues to distinguish himself in the position he has been serving in with honor since October. On the 21<sup>st</sup> we are pleased to have our children - youth, and grade school as well, bring their annual worship and it is really shaping up to be a Christ honoring time of Worship brought to us by not so much our staff but our KIDS, PTL(Praise the LORD).

The 21<sup>st</sup> is also Father's Day, and we will let our fathers shine, showing off their BBQ-ing skills. Ladies help them by providing side dishes. These are some of the many the things that we need to give praise to our great Lord Jesus for. We can see his hand and guidance every step of the way in the lives of all the BBC family and the whole of the FAMILY OF GOD, a shout of praise for the one who watches over His own!!!!

Thank you Lord for your care of your bride at Braddock!

Sincerely, **Pastor Timothy**

## Update on BBC Incorporation Process

The Constitution and By-Law Committee has provided a copy of Constitution and By-Laws to your Deacons to distribute to the church membership to review. We have scheduled a Question and Answer session on **Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. If you do not have a copy by now, please contact the Church Office and a copy will be provided to you. Please make every effort to attend and ask your questions. We have also scheduled a special called business meeting on **Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship to vote the approval of the Constitution and By-Law.

Members of this committee are Gary Carr, Barry Dunn, and the Board of Directors (Pastor Timothy, Diane Carr, Jody Dunning Harry Finley, Gary Moore, and Dave Waters)

We will keep all the Braddockians church family informed as we progress through this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Pastor.

God Bless!  
**Dave Waters**, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Constitution and By-Law Committee

Birthdays

- 01 John Short
- 02 Harry Finley
- 04 Myrthala Aguero  
Seth Waters  
Samantha Miller
- 05 Jim Jondrow
- 07 Chung Ahn  
David Corder
- 15 Richard Hood
- 19 Rosemarie Dunn
- 21 Hope Collier  
Juliana Tubi
- 22 Noah Robinson  
Terry Stockdale
- 23 Caroline Short
- 25 Mike Marshall
- 27 Bronson Rodriguez
- 29 Amanda Weaver

Anniversaries

- 12 Hector & Cristina Riojas
- 15 Robert & Marcia Daniels
- 18 Harry & Carol Finley
- 27 David & Loretta Freeman
- 28 Eliseo & Brenda  
Rodriguez

Regardless of the weather forecast, follow Him and He shall direct thy paths according to His will.. Pretty simple, huh?!

The Deacon team is here to serve you as you walk with the Lord.

In Love, Mitch B.

MIHI YOUTH  
MADE IN HIS IMAGE

**Soul on Fire** This is the theme for our Youth and Children Sunday. We pray the Lord revive our hearts! Please join us on June 21st as your children and youth lead the church service, and hopefully inspire you! Paul told Timothy to “[not] let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity”. 1 Timothy 4:12

While we will be talking in more detail about this on the 21st, I want to leave you with some bullets of Three Common Traits of Youth Who Don’t Leave the Church by Jon Nielson:

- 1. They are converted
- 2. They have been equipped, not entertained
- 3. Their parents preached the gospel to them

Let us get back to basics. Forget the blogs, the social networking, the youtube videos, the fancy curriculum, and get in the WORD.

Once again, Hector and I can not emphasize enough how important it is that your youth be involved with the group. *Please don’t make church and youth functions an option for them.* We don’t say this out of any desperation for numbers. But rather, because we know that they are constantly bombarded by the influences of the world: in school, sports, from tv, phones, social networking... Youth events and activities are only a few hours a month and it is a time where we hope to create an environment that focuses completely on living a life of love, faith and purity for our Lord. It is not our desire to compete with the world and the enemy. We know which message is stronger and has the power to change lives. No, we are not competing, but we are asking that you balance their time to include Christian influences.

While we’re on the subject: Help us determine the best day of the week for our youth day this summer. Go online and take the poll (parents and youth). Thanks!

With Love, Cristina Riojas

Deacon Ministry

Dear Braddockians;

It does not seem long ago we were still complaining about the cold. Well the cold has departed and summer weather is here. We can’t say it is too cold, too snowy, or even too icy.

When the Lord spoke to Peter, He said, “Come and follow me”. Pretty simple command to Peter.....yet Peter had no idea of what it meant to follow the Lord when he heard those words. Peter did not know the “storms” ahead that he had to walk through.

Over his life experience, Peter learned what it meant to follow the Lord.....to choose another’s will over his own....to learn to carry the cross of Christ.... to learn to share the message of Christ boldly....to see the needs around him and feed His sheep.....to sense discouragement and point others to the word of God for encouragement.....to speak the truth in love. This is why we as Christians must walk by faith and not by sight. Our walk with Him cannot be based upon whether our life is going “well” or not.

We follow our risen Lord wherever and whenever He commands us to go; looking to direct people to follow Him and His ways regardless of our circumstances.

BBC Men

In May 2014, the Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) Men continued to serve and make additional plans to serve God and his people within BBC and the community. The BBC men sponsored one of the two major fundraisers (Ladies Day Dinner and Cake Auction) to support the next twelve months mission activities. The BBC Men continued to be part of several in-house and out of house (outside of BBC walls) mission activities. Barry, Harry, and other men responded to an emergency call from the association NorthStar Network of Churches to maintain the grounds at the CrossPointe House (Student Ministry Campus) next to the George Mason University campus while their riding lawn mower was being repaired; and several men continue to maintain the grounds, the BBC building, and the parsonage. Barry, Harry, and several others BBC men I say many thanks to all of you for your many hours of good work for the Lord.

Event that happened in May:

Ladies Day Dinner and Cake Auction

The Ladies Day Dinner and Cake Auction was held on Saturday evening May 16<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. We had approximately 70 people attend. The Ladies were served a meal prepared by our own in-house Chef Rick Rodriguez and assisted by the BBC men. The menu was fresh garden salad, Honey Baked Ham, melody of fresh roasted vegetables and baked sweet potatoes casserole followed by dessert of strawberries served over pound cake with vanilla ice cream and whip cream. The entertainment of the evening was the auction of cakes, pies, and lawn service (Harry Finley) to replenish the BBC Men’s’ Wicker/Williams mission fund. The Pastor and his assistant, Hector Riojas, auctioned donated items and received contributions for the mission fund of \$2,800.00. Thank you Braddockians and guests for your support of missions and allowing the Men to prepare and serve all of you a wonderful meal to express our gratitude particularly to the Ladies for all the good things you do all year long. Thank you Chef Rodriguez for another excellently prepared meal and thank you to all of the BBC Men for a job well done. Congratulations to the 2015 Miss BBC Carol Finley!

Upcoming events in June:

The BBC Men’s monthly meeting will be on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Men please plan to be there as we will discuss the detail of the Graduates Breakfast, VBS, Yard Sale and other activities and dates for the next few months.

Other important dates below:

June:	Monthly Meeting 6/1@ 7:00
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Men Annual Graduates Recognition @ Old Country Buffet, Fairfax, Va. 8AM
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Q&A Session on the Constitution and By-Laws @ 7:00PM
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Deacon Ordination
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	MDO Graduation and Reception @11AM
Sun 21 <sup>th</sup>	Children and Youth Service
Sun 21 <sup>th</sup>	Church-wide Picnic @Burke Lake Park
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Special Called Business Meeting to vote on the Constitution and By-Laws

God Loves You and So Do I!  
Keep the Faith!  
**Dave Waters**, President BBC Men

**Hangzhou Bay Bridge** is a highway bridge with a cable-stayed portion across Hangzhou Bay in the eastern coastal region of China. It connects the municipalities of Jiaxing and Ningbo in Zhejiang province.